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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-17, 19-26 and 28-32 are pending in the Application. Claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 26 and 28 have been amended. Claims 2, 11, 18 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Patent Office rejected claims 1, 7-8, 10, 17, 23-24 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,096,361 by Crawford, ("Crawford").

Allowable Subject Matter

The Patent Office stated claims 2-6, 9, 11-16, 18-22, 25 and 27-32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1, 7-8, 10, 17, 23-24 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Crawford. However, claims 1, 10, 17 and 26 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 2, 11, 18 and 27 respectively, indicated as allowable by the Patent Office. Consequently, claims 1, 3-10, 12-17, 19-26 and 28-32 are believed allowable.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are allowable, and it is respectfully requested that the entire application now be passed to formal allowance.

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